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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - MAY 18

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR MAY 18,
1976:

Q. WOULD YOU KINDLY TELL US WHETHER, IN THE TALKS
BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE AND DR. KISSINGER, THEY
HAVE DISCUSSED THE LEBANESE QUESTION AND TOO, THE MIDDLE
EAST SITUATION?

A. I BELIEVE THE WHITE HOUSE IS BRIEFING, AT 3:00 O'CLOCK
THIS AFTERNOON, ON THE TALKS THAT CONCLUDED THIS MORNING;
SO I SUGGEST THAT YOU CHECK WITH THE WHITE HOUSE FOR
TODAY'S TALKS.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE WHETHER THE UNITED STATES
WILL SUPPORT SENDING A SPECIAL ENVOY FROM THE UN TO
INVESTIGATE THE ISRAELI ATROCITIES ON THE WEST BANK?

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A. I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THAT PROPOSAL.

Q. IT'S IN THE COUNCIL, THERE AT NEW YORK.

A. I AM NOT GOING TO SPECULATE ON WHAT POSITION WE MIGHT
TAKE ON THE OUTCOME OF THAT DEBATE.

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